

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Aiden Flanagan Confirmation No. 4535
Group Art Unit: 3734
Application No.: 10/782,073
Examiner: Kevin Thao TRUONG
Filed: February 18, 2004
Docket No.: 12013/50801
For: LASER-INDUCED EXPLOSIVE VAPORIZATION
COATING METHOD, ASSOCIATED SYSTEM, AND
DEVICE MADE BY THE METHOD

RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION/ELECTION
REQUIREMENT MAILED DECEMBER 13, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007 in the above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following.

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to a method for coating a portion of a device. Paragraph 7 of the Office Action indicates that the Applicants must also elect a species; however, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action does not set forth groups of species from which to choose.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 12, 2008

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